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Department of Work in Alaska
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Summary narrative report for 1958
ALASKA HIGHWAY PARISH
John Niles Bartholomew

Since I did not arrive on the field until July 18, 1958, this report actually covers only a three month period.

When we first began meeting people in the Tok area on our arrival in July, the universal remark was, "Don't get discouraged, it's a tough nut to crack." Three months have shown us some of the reasons why that was a valid statement, but also have given us some reasons for encouragement.

Our first efforts, the vacation church schools, were very successful, both at Tok and at Northway. Attendance was good both places, and at Tok we had more than enough teachers ready to help. By contrast, after nearly two months of effort in trying to reestablish the Sunday Church School program at Tok and Station 3, neither staff nor attendance are even close to their potential. Apparently the only answer is continuing personal effort. There is a very obvious correlation between pastoral calling and church attendance, and the same is probably true for the Sunday Church School.

At Northway we have found a very pleasant surprise. We had been warned by our predecessors that there was no response there, and little value in trying to carry on a regular work. Beginning with the Vacation Church School, we have developed an adult Bible study or prayer meeting format that seems to meet a definite need in the community. Since a Southern Baptist family had begun Sunday school before we arrived, we have not pushed too hard to have the Faith and Life Curriculum used in both classes. It is being used in the kindergarten, and as supplementary material in the upper class. This Baptist family has been the mainstay of our work at Northway, housing and feeding us during V.C.S., opening their home for Bible study, and serving in every way possible.

The work on the Highway is entirely a matter of personal visitation. It is in many ways the most satisfying work in the whole parish, for the people are genuinely glad to see us, and there are fewer interpersonal tensions than there are among the workers in the four government camps that make up the bulk of our population. (Alaska Communications System, Bureau of Public Roads, Station 3 - pipeline, and Civil Aeronautics Administration.)

It was a joy to have Presbytery meet here twice, first in August for my ordination, and then in October for the stated fall meeting. The response of the local people in feeding the group was excellent.

I see very little hope of making any rapid improvement in the situation as a whole. There are not very many dedicated Christians to form the core of an organized church. There are many who seem only very hazily aware of their need for Christ. It may be a rather slow process, drawing them firmly into the fellowship, and giving them a sense of responsibility to their church. The rapid turnover in population makes it even more difficult. However, as long as one seeks human beings rather than statistics, this can be a fruitful ministry.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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NARRATIVE REPORT, 1958

JANUARY-MARCH

In January the church had its first missions' emphasis program utilizing the study books on Japan. Several families of the congregation participated in the home study and this was climaxed by a congregational dinner meeting on the theme. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gardner were the leaders of this mission emphasis.

The first membership class of 1958 was completed and five new members were received into the church. A membership class for youth was started in the youth meetings.

Attendance on Palm Sunday was 175. This was the largest attendance for any one service during the year.

APRIL-JUNE

There was a good response to the Communion Service held on the Thursday before Easter. Three new members were received.

After Easter there was a decided drop in attendance. The start of the second year of ministry provided us with previous year's attendances for check purposes. April through June attendance was less on 7 of the 13 Sundays. Since the second Sunday in July the attendance each week has been above that for the corresponding week of last year.

The pastor and his family left the middle of May for General Assembly and for a vacation. The officers of the church did a superb job of carrying on during this time. Dr. Lee Miller conducted Sunday services while chaplains preached. Various elders took turns leading the Sunday evening services.

Vacation Bible School attendance was far below that of the previous year but the staff was good and those attending received good instruction.

JULY-August

Two morning worship services were held and the evening service was continued. This resulted in about 25 more in attendance each Sunday. The attendance at the second service stayed about the same as in 1957 (70) while the early service ranged from 12 to 36. One comment made by

a person attending the early service was, "Worshiping before Sunday School gives me a chance to really worship. After Sunday School I can't enter into worship 'til I've calmed down awhile." The assistant treasurer reported, "Pledges were behind a lot until we had the two services."

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

The start of school brought new vitality. We had a good, though small, Planning Meeting to survey the past and plan the future. A comment on our problems by one woman: "How could we be a church without anything to do?"

With regret the Session accepted the resignation of Dr. Lee Miller who had served nearly a year. Personal dissatisfaction with the church in several areas caused his departure though he remains in our prayers and concern. This served to shake the Session into a deeper analysis of what the church is and should be.

The Preaching Mission brought a renewed effort at calling which immediately bore fruit. The biggest problem is continuing this good effort. Earlier attempts at having a permanent calling committee failed but we shall try again.

Lowell M. Campbell

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FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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REPORT OF SESSION

The Session's responsibility is for the complete supervision of the life and program of the church. The Session endeavored to carry out this responsibility through the formation of committees--Christian Education, Administration and Finance, Evangelism, Building and Maintenance. The Session meets once a month for regular meetings and in addition from time to time had special meetings.

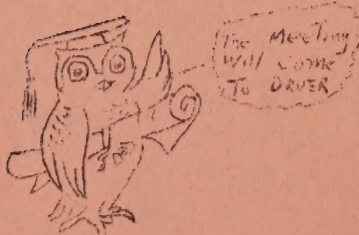
Session members during the year were: Alice Green (Clerk), Donna Huff, Lila Ruliffson, Lee Gardner, Gerry Riebe, Larry Larson, Walter Weidman, Walter Stephan, Dick Haines, Brannon Casler. Myron Stevens and Lee Miller served part of the year.

A major part of the Session's responsibility is the receiving and dismissing of members as well as the care and oversight of all members of the congregation. The Session members participated in the first year of Church Officer Training program in January. They attended classes three hours an evening on three evenings. The second phase of this Training Program was done in November when the Elders chose to take the nine-hour course in one day. These courses were conducted by the pastor. To provide instruction for church members, the Session authorized the pastor to conduct membership classes in January and in November.

Church Membership as of January 1, 1958		121
Received on Confession of Faith	8	
Received on Reaffirmation of Faith	5	
Received on Letter of Transfer	12	
	<hr/> 25	146
Dismissed to other churches	5	
Deceased	1	
Suspended from rolls	14	
	<hr/> 21	
Church Membership as of December 31, 1958		125

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Green
Clerk of Session



REPORT OF THE DEACONS

Members on the Board of Deacons for 1958 were: Jack Dimond, Irene Hickok, Rolland Elledge, John Bannock, Rolland Dowler, and Frances Carrick (Secretary-Treasurer) and the Moderator, Rev. Lowell Campbell.

Meetings were held quarterly and were opened with prayer by the pastor and closed with prayer by one of the Deacons. At the January meeting the following five duties were adopted:

1. Meet the special needs of the congregation such as sickness, transportation to services, etc.
2. Visitation of church members. Each Deacon was given names to visit on a quarterly basis and the lists rotated each quarter.
3. The Deacons' Cache--Jack Dimond spoke to the congregation at a Sunday service about the money, food, and clothing needed by the Deacons in their work.
4. Communion Elements Preparation--Deacons took turns during the year preparing the elements.
5. Correspondence to out-of-town members was the responsibility given each quarter to one of the Deacons.

Visitations to the Presbyterian patients at the Native Service Hospital were made by Irene Hickok and Frances Carrick.

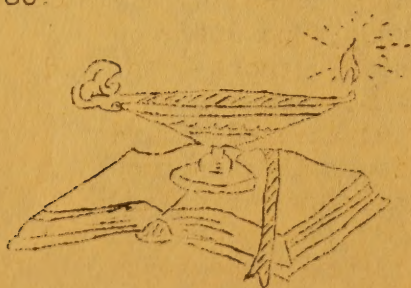
Collection of old eyeglasses was sponsored by the Deacons. Several pairs were sent on to Dr. Fritz for re-use with the Alaskan natives.

Flowers were sent to known hospitalized members and roses to parents of newborn children.

The Board of Deacons appointed Mr. "Chic" Bowline to serve as head usher for morning worship services. Others were asked to assist with ushering on a monthly basis.

Food baskets were distributed to several families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Balance of the Deacons' Fund Treasury as of December 31, 1958 was \$7.80.



Prayerfully submitted,

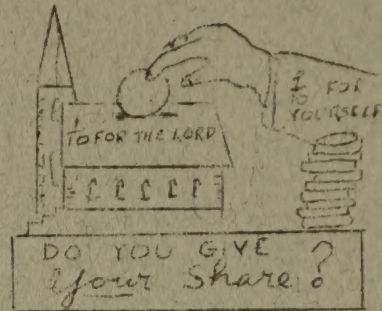
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FINANCES

December 31, 1958

Cash on Hand Jan 1, 1958		\$ 20.82
Cash in Bank Dec 31, 1958	47.26	
Total Receipts		13,443.63
As subscribed	10,214.59	
General offering	1,521.24	
Sunday School	495.81	
Youth Budget	463.91	
Misc. Income & offerings	476.02	
Women's Association	70.00	
Men's Club	12.50	
One Great Hour offering	115.98	
Presbyterian Life	18.00	
Per Capita Tax	7.10	
Bible School offering	48.48	
	<u>13,443.63</u>	



PASTORAL MINISTRY

Pastor's Salary	5,400.00
Pastor's Pension	558.96
Car Expense	245.42
Vacation Pay	247.66
Guest Ministers	90.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Life	66.12
Bible School Supplies	45.00
Sunday School Supplies	479.70
Program Items	81.68
Misc., Today, Upper Room, Etc.	42.72

CHURCH HOME

All Utilities	1,328.64
Furniture & Fixtures	246.89
Insurance	502.90
Principal on Board Loan	200.00
Interest on Loans	141.54
Principal on Bank Loan	1,500.00
Contingencies	26.64
Building Maintenance	19.60
Custodian	10.00

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Office Supplies, Printing	178.71
Postage	81.00
Per Capita Tax	141.00
Advertising	250.90

WORLD MISSION

Central Receiving Agency on pledge	1,367.65
Misc. Benevolence	104.46

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Respectfully submitted,

Ruth L. Willits

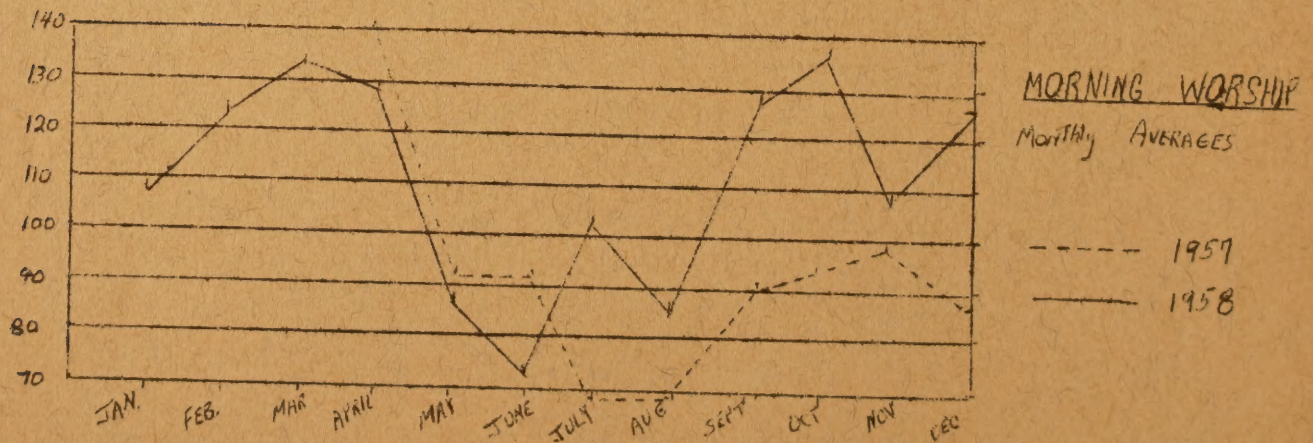
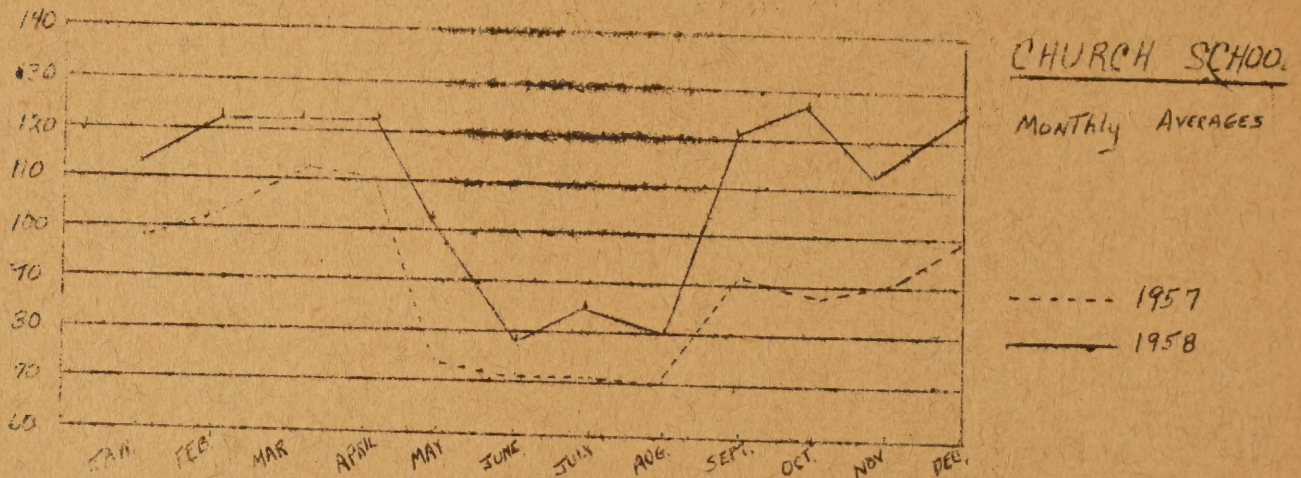
Ruth L. Willits, Treasurer

Pledges toward 1959 Offerings:

49 Pledges received totaling \$12,505.44

PASTOR'S REPORT

In addition to the preparation of sermons for Sunday services, the pastor has endeavored to fulfill these responsibilities: conducted two church officer training courses (8 hrs. each); taught two church membership courses (6 hours each); served as Junior High Camp Dean for The Presbytery; attended General Assembly meetings as Commissioner from Yukon Presbytery; attended three regular Presbytery meetings and one special meeting; attended six meetings of the Anchorage Ministerial Fellowship; served as Adviser for the Youth Fellowship group; made about 300 home calls and 100 hospital calls; taught the Women's Bible Study classes; conducted four funerals; gave marriage counsel and performed eight marriages; baptized 15 infants and five adults; served Communion seven times.



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

In spite of the loss during the year of valuable teachers, a fine staff was maintained to teach pupils of all ages. Attendance reached a record in November with 156 after spurring upwards this fall. The loss of Lynn Stevens who had been teaching in our church school for many years was keenly felt.

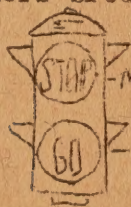
In the fall the Teen-agers' class was split with 7th and 8th graders forming the Junior High Class, and 9th through 12th graders being the Senior Highs. Both classes have continued to grow in strength following the division.

Again this year classes were able to meet in the offices of Dr. Harrell. This has been of greatest help in providing adequate room for all classes.

The Staff has included: Dick Haines (Supt.), Hilja Bolyan (Sec.), Barbara Zimmerman, Eva Center, Shirley Bielat, Frances Carrick, Virginia Richison, John and Marilyn Bannock, Lila Ruliffson, Janet Rowley, Norma Weidman, Betty Campbell, Dick and Evelyn Haines, Lee and Carolyn Gardner, Dolores McCullough, Audrey Mitchell, Jerry Stephens, Dorothea Williams, Lynn Stevens, Esther Hackney, Ruth Eaton, Lee Miller, Lowell Campbell. With the addition of Larry and Alice Larson at the end of the year to teaching, we now have at least one man teacher in the Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Senior High Departments. Thus, one goal in staffing has been achieved.

Enrollment in the church school has fluctuated with pupils coming and going. Only those who attend at least three times are enrolled; and those absent for six weeks without known cause are dropped. Enrollment at the end of the year is 155.

Opportunities for teacher training have been utilized by many of our teachers. In addition to monthly Teacher Meetings, there have been quarterly training sessions at First Presbyterian Church. In June seven of our members attended the Leadership Training School with leaders brought from "outside."



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TO SUNDAY

SCHOOL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

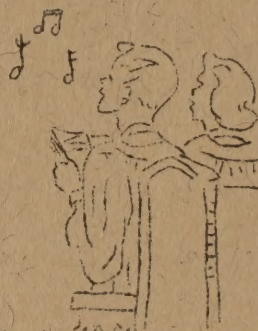


The church again conducted a ten-day Vacation Bible School in June. Mrs. Genevieve Jewett was Superintendent. Although attendance was down from the previous year, those present were able to gain much valuable religious instruction in this concentrated period.

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir sang for morning worship services until July under the direction of Mrs. Marjory Lethin. Membership in the choir was usually about ten. During the summer Mrs. Lethin moved to Portland, Oregon after serving as music director much of her five years here. We were fortunate in having Mrs. Janet Rowley assume the duties in the fall.

Mrs. Martha Blackburn has been the church organist at morning worship during the year with various substitutes serving in the summer. Olive Fisher has played for evening services.



JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir has 19 regular members. We have sung once each month during the year. We are happy to have all children in this age group, Junior through Junior High, in our choir.

The choir thanks Mrs. James Ritchie and Ann Williams for their services as organists.

Olive Fisher
Director

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

"Thine is the Kingdom and the Way" was the program theme for the Women's Association in 1958. There was an average of 15 women in attendance at each month's meeting. In addition to the Day Circle, an Evening Circle was started this year. Each had an average attendance of six.

Officers of the Association were: Alice Green, President; Arlene Dimond, Vice-President; Leora Mulford, Secretary-Treasurer; Theresa Thurston, World Service; Jackie Miller, Spiritual Life and Stewardship; Alice Gawreluk, Social Education and Action; Lynn Stevens, Fellowship; Connie Rodda, Literature and Missionary Education; Janet Drake, Chairman of the Day Circle.

As of January 1, 1958 we had a bank balance of \$ 81.26
(to be applied on dishes for the kitchen)

From the following sources we had an income of 636.36

Pledges and special offerings \$542.66; Sale of stationery \$16.00; Mariners and Men's Club to apply on purchase of supplies \$60.00; other misc. such as literature, etc. \$17.70

Our expenditures were: 527.92

Foreign Missions \$80.00; National Missions \$80.00; Christian Education \$40.00; Contingent Fund \$10.75; Opportunity Giving \$50.00; Summer Offering \$20.00; Sewing Assignment (5 surgical gowns for the Phillipines and 4 pairs of jeans for Savoonga) \$29.37; CARE packages to Yugoslavia \$40.00; Church supplies (Mariners & Men's Club each paid \$30.00) \$97.48; Literature \$38.50; Kitchen paint \$9.00; Drapery cleaning \$17.82; Baby-sitter for Day Circle \$12.00; Gift for Dr. Fisher's wife \$3.00

Balance as of 12/31/58 \$ 189.70

(Dishes for the kitchen are on order and if there is any money left in the treasury, it is to be applied to the "carpet fund.")



Because we gave \$50.00 in the Opportunity Giving, we were allowed to designate an Honorary Associateship in Christian Education to Lynn Stevens who had been so active in that field in our church for so many years. She and her family now live in Talkeetna.

Among the other activities of the Association were these: Mother and Daughter tea in May; Dinner for Dr. Jackman and Seminar visitors in June. (Dorothea Williams, chairman); "house-cleaned" the church in August; "Sewing Shower" for Savoonga in September; assumed responsibility for flowers on the altar each Sunday.

The "inspirational" highlights of the year included: Film strip on Turkey; Olive Fisher's slides of Haines House and discussion of her work there; Slides and talks by Dr. and Mrs. Sandilands on their work in Bafai, Cameroun, Africa.

Special features in the "fun and fellowship" department were baby showers for Mrs. Thurston and Mrs. Carrick, and the Birthday party in April with twelve cakes!

Those of us who are active in the Women's Association are very enthusiastic about our organization and feel it is a wonderful opportunity to further the work of the Kingdom of God in prayer, service, education and spiritual fellowship.



Leora Mulford
Secretary

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S CLUB

Nine monthly meetings were held during the year, with the three summer months being omitted. Following is a summary of the program used at meetings during the year:

1. Colored slides on travel in Spain by Mel Huden.
2. Speaker: Wilber Plett of Woodland Park Men's Group
Topic: "What Can We Do?"
3. Panel and discussion on "Has the Church a right to speak out for disarmament?"
4. Presentation by members of Christmas Customs of other lands.
5. There was one joint meeting with the Men's Group of Woodland Park Church, of which 15 Faith Church members attended.
6. Several meetings were used to discuss Men's Group reorganization, and affiliation with National. The Charter for National affiliation was received in September.

Projects for the year consisted of the following:

1. Church benevolences: 20% of the Men's Group treasury was appropriated in January.
2. Book purchase: One copy of each of the following were obtained for the church library: "Making Ethical Decisions" "Faith For The Nation"
3. Easter Sunday breakfast was prepared for the congregation.
4. Purchase of paint for church repainting.
5. Purchase of one third of the annual kitchen supplies: \$30.00.
6. Two camperships were provided: \$12.50 each.
7. Members participated in Laymen's Sunday worship service.
8. Purchase of wax for church floors.
9. Work party to clean church and wax floors for Christmas.

Officers for 1958 were: President: Bob Risley (until June)
Vice-President: John Bannock
Sec.-Treas.: Ian Anderson

Ian Anderson
Secretary

MARINERS (COUPLES) CLUB

The following officers were installed in January for the year 1958:



Skipper	Lela and Roland Elledge
First Mate	Arlene and Jack Dimond
Logkeeper	Jackie and Lee Miller
Chaplain	Carolyn and Lee Gardner

Project "Stairtread" was completed with satisfactory results.

A panel discussion was held in March on the subject of juvenile delinquency and the place of the church in aiding the home in combatting this problem. The following panelists were led by Skipper Roland Elledge, a teacher by profession.

Ian Anderson	YMCA Director
David Knapp	Guidance Counselor for the Anchorage Jr. High and High Schools
David Daines	U S. Commissioner
Chaplain Smeltzer	Elmendorf AFB 10th Air Division Chaplain

During a painting party the basement east wall and entrance were painted as well as a number of pieces of furniture.

Marilyn and John Bannock attended the King's Lake Retreat as representatives of the Mariners.

Membership in the National Association of Mariners Clubs was continued and the National dues were paid.

The Mariners contributed to the purchasing of kitchen and lavatory paper supplies.

The church barbecue was sponsored by the Mariners at the Eagle River picnic grounds.

The Mariners sponsored a work party to construct a closet in the women's lavatory and a general basement cleanup.

In October a panel discussion was held on the subject of education and integration and the place of the church in the community to foster the religious and constitutional rights of the citizenry. Panelists were:

Mrs. Blanche McSmith	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Rev. Lowell Campbell	Pastor
Roland Elledge	Skipper, Professional Educator

In December a combination meeting included a progressive dinner, the decoration of the church for Christmas and the giving of gifts to the residents of the Woodhaven Rest Home.

Lela and Roland Elledge
Skipper

WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP

Youth in the 8th grade through 12th grade comprise the Westminster Fellowship group. Westminster Fellowship includes all activities of this age group including Sunday School, Youth Budget and Sunday evening meetings. Only the last of these activities will be described here.

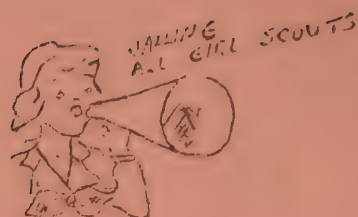
The young people met for an hour of recreation and discussion before the Sunday evening services. During the spring two young people participated in the services each week. The group did not meet during the summer and in the fall were reorganized. We now have only a Junior group (6th-8th grades) meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. It is hoped that a Senior group can be started in the spring if there is sufficient interest by young people of this age.

There is also a great need for adult leadership in the youth program. For a few weeks Mrs. G. Westerlund gave helpful assistance. Mr. Campbell has been the adviser for the group.



"Our purpose in Westminster Fellowship is to become such complete disciples of Christ that we will surrender our lives."

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 36



Leader: Mrs. Robert Huff
Asst. Leaders: Brucecilla Guerin
Sherry Guerin

We now have 19 girls in the Troop, again some have come and gone. One of our losses was the Stevens' girls. One of my biggest concerns is the fact that very few of the girls we have in the Troop are from Faith Church. Though we are full, any girl who contacts me will be put at the head of the waiting list. Any interested?

We have had a very full year. One of the big highlights was Day Camp; we had 13 girls attend this year. This was closely followed by some of the girls going to the new Established Camp "Togo Woods". Yours truly got to go also (as cook).

We have entertained the Boy Scout Troop at a Hallowe'en Party and it seemed very successful. The last Court of Awards was a joint affair with Boy Scout Troop 618. The girls are looking forward to another one in the future.

We have just completed the Good Grooming Badge and had three sessions with a representative from Beauty Counselors. The girls have really enjoyed this.

We are having a vacation now and will not be meeting until March.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert Huff



BOY SCOUT TROOP 618

Scoutmaster: Bob Huff
Asst. Scoutmaster: John Wolf

During the calendar year of 1958 Boy Scout Troop 618 has held four Courts of Honor, one of which was a joint Court of Awards with Girl Scout Troop 36. The following were presented to boys of the Troop: 16 Tenderfoot badges, 11 Second Class, 3 First Class, 1 Star and 24 Merit badges.

The Troop participated in the following Council-wide events: Armed Forces Day May 17th with 12 boys, Spring Camporee May 23, 24 and 25th with 14 Scouts, Camp Gorsuch June 29th through July 5th with 17 Scouts, Junior Leaders' Training Course October 24th and 25th with

12 Scouts, Winter Survival December 6th and 7th with 19 Scouts attending.

The troop accomplished the following camping: Troop Overnight March 22d and 23d with 20 Scouts, Sourdough Patrol Overnight May 23d 6 Scouts attending, North Star Patrol Overnight April 19th and 20th 6 Scouts attending, North Star Overnight April 26th and 27th 4 Scouts attending, Spring Camporee May 23d, 24th and 25th 14 Scouts attending, Camp Gorsuch one week June 29 through July 5th 17 Scouts attending, Winter Survival December 6th and 7th 19 boys attending for a grand total of 219 boy nights of camping and 32 adult nights.

The troop started the year with 13 boys registered and is ending the year with 35 boys registered, and has a good active committee lined up and already working to help the Troop with the year of 1959.

It is very satisfying to note that the Troop has not only grown larger but has become much more proficient in Scoutcraft as judged against the National Standards of Scouting. The Troop has to date entered in three Council-wide events where they have been judged against the National Standards, the first being Winter Survival in 1957 in which the Troop was awarded a Yellow Ribbon for Participation, the Spring Camporee in which the Troop was awarded a Yellow Ribbon for Participation and a Red Ribbon for Standard, and last the Winter Survival of 1958 in which the Troop had five patrols entered and received two Presidential awards--Red, White and Blue Ribbons; one Blue Ribbon for Proficient; and two Red Ribbons for Standard.

Speaking as Scoutmaster, I wish to express my appreciation to Faith Presbyterian Church and to Reverend Campbell for the wonderful assistance they have provided the Troop.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Huff

BROWNIE TROOP 3

Troop 3 Brownies celebrated their first troop birthday January 6 at the Faith Presbyterian Church. The Brownies had ice cream and cake and received their year pins.

A brief resume of the troop's activities through the year of 1958 includes their weekly meetings in the church basement. As a group they attended church on Girl Scout Sunday, attended the Anchorage area Girl Scout Fagots for Friendship ceremony, and were guests at a church wedding (the first time for most of the girls). One girl from Troop 3 was chosen to be in the welcoming committee to greet Vice President Nixon.

There are 15 regular members in the troop and a waiting list to replace our six Fly-ups in May.

Troop 3, the leaders and committee members wish to express their thanks to the Faith Presbyterian Church for the use of the church basement.



Mrs. Milton Lewis
Mrs. William Ford
Brownie Leaders

Brownie Troop 39 started 1958 with 19 members under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Jones assisted by Mrs. Hilja Bolyan. In May six girls--Nicki Lindemuth, Bonnie Stevens, Micky Roselius, Susan Chinn, Cheryl DeHart and Christina Bolyan--flew up into the Girl Scouts. Six other girls moved out of our area or joined other troops so that at the end of the year the troop numbered 7. Though the group is small, it is active and the girls take a keen interest in their projects.

In May Mrs. Jones resigned and Mrs. Bolyan became the leader of the troop. During the summer months there were no meetings, but the entire troop attended Day Camp during the second two weeks of June.

Regular meetings were resumed in September. Also during September and October the girls attended a Beginners' Swimming Class at the Anchorage Spa.

In October the girls gave a Hallowe'en Party with Brownie Troop 3 as guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Clyde Bolyan
Brownie Leader

CUB PACK 375

During the 1958 season Cub Pack 375 held formal pack meetings or area tours through local business establishments or military facilities each month. Den meetings were held under the direction of the various Den Mothers on a weekly basis. 87% of the boys in the Pack received

advancement in rank during the season. The Pack assisted in the distribution of Civil Defense literature in the Fairview area.

In the closing months of the year our Pack was reorganized and goals were set for the coming year. It was decided that we should strive for a full Pack of seven Dens with at least five boys in each Den. This will require the enlistment of two new Den Mothers. It was decided that the Pack should undertake some service for our sponsoring institution. Following is the roster of officers for the 1959 season:

Executive officer of sponsoring Institution, Faith Presbyterian Church: Lowell M. Campbell

Institutional Representative Alden Williams

Committee Chairman Marvin Mitchell

Committee Members William Zimmerman

Tom Cinkowich

John Saugstad

Timothy Twitchell

Cubmaster

Glenn Hackney

Assistant Cubmaster

George Johnson

Den Mothers

Eleanor Merchant

Sarah Kinney (until March)

Leora Potter

Yvonne Saugstad

Virginia Richison

Esther Hackney



CUB Scouts

1958
- ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT -
Archives Hillcrest Presbyterian Church

This annual report is written on this red paper, not because Hillcrest Presbyterian Church is operating in the red, or because we are blushing because of the tardy report (although maybe we ought to), but I was not sure as to whether we were required to write such a report being under a different department. But since we are soon to be changed to another department, I did not think the report would be out of line. This report is written on this kind of paper, because if it is needed it will be easier to file; and if it is not needed it will be easier to crumble and throw in the waste-basket.

Hillcrest Church this year may be likened unto an automobile. Sometimes it purrs along nicely, and other times you can jam the accelerator to the floor and it will just about creep. This is true, not primarily because something is wrong with the church, but because, some scamp has taken something out of the church and lessened the power of it. The scamp in our case is Uncle Sam, who relieves us of our power under the rotation system.....taking those out of the church, who are responsible for the moving power of the church. The spark-plugs as it were. Taking one now and one again. Not necessarily taking all of them at once, for which we thank God. For if all were taken at once, we would be at a standstill.

Perhaps we ought to be grateful that we are not at a standstill at such a strategic spot. It has been frustrating, and it has been a chore to replace the spark-plugs in our vehicle so often, but we are grateful for the ability that we are able to move forward, even if it is at such a slow pace.

During this past year many activities have been added to our church program. Some of them are on a community level, such as scouting programs for both girls and boys. We now have an active scout troop, cub pack, and three brownie groups. Not all governed by our church people, however. Our Scout Troop and our Cub Pak are led by members of the church, but the girls scouting program is led by people of the community who are through this activity being drawn into the church's program.

We are certainly proud now, not only to have the women of our church active as a group, but we also have a good men's organization. This group meets the last Sunday of every month for breakfast and a devotional plus business. Many men have become active in the church's program because of this new activity. We hope soon to unite with the National Council of Presbyterian Men.

Our church women are still active. We are proud of them that they have taken a stand on the idea of stewardship, which we sincerely believe has strengthened them. They are now abandoning "bake sales", "bazaars" etc. and are pledging to the support of their group the way they are pledging to the support of their church. This is giving them a chance to do things on the larger stewardship within the bounds of the women's work. They are now, also, carrying on their Bible Study and regular woman's program, something that has been previously left slide for fellowship and money making schemes.

The Westminster Fellowship Program, with emphasis on the young people of Senior High and Junior High age, has been flourishing. This group has not only been active within the church Sunday evening programs, but they have now entered into the work and worship of the Presbytery Youth Fellowship program. One of our young ladies was nominated for Stated Clerk of Presbytery Youth, and lost out by only a few votes. We were indeed proud that she was nominated, and that our group is taking such an active part in work outside their own group. Several of our young people have been to camp this year, and we had a good representation at our recent Winter Forward.

They have also taken on some projects about the church, which has certainly been most encouraging to some of our older people.

In the last two years our Sunday School program has skyrocketed. This trend has been due in large part to a real good staff of Sunday School Teachers, who have been regular in their attendance and encouraging in their presentation of the lesson materials. We have managed to have a full complement of teachers for most of the year, but there have been a few times when we had to double up in the classes, due to a teacher shortage. This shortage, however, was not over long periods of time, but recruitment is another of the basic problems for our Sunday School hour. There is not only recruitment but constant teacher training sessions going on, so we can have a full complement of teachers.

This year the Sunday School average attendance on the whole doesn't look as sharp as the previous year. This year we have only shown a net gain of about 30, which is much lower than the previous year. But in going over the first six months of this year, we found that we had lost 69 boys and girls through rotation, and through this same period received 71, which was an increase of two; but without the rotation figure above the whole picture would not be painted. We will soon be going over the final six months and then we can tell what the true results are. But one can easily see the continuous program of outreach in this community.

O yes, there is the Sunday Morning Worship Service. This is one place where the average morning church attendance is larger than the membership of the church. This church is more of a community church, since it is drawing virtually all visitors from different denominational backgrounds. We are finding ourselves welcoming six to eight people of other denominations to one Presbyterian. A great help in our worship service is our Chancel Choir, which is on the increase, and is now preparing for our annual Christmas Eve Service, "Christmas by Candlelight". Here seems to be the focal point of our ministry, since many folks are confronted here with the Gospel and are finding the answer to their problems. Many of them are joining the church, but some are not, although they are taking a more active part in the work and worship of the church.

Another choir has been formed among our Youth. For lack of a better name we are calling it the Youth Choir. They made their debut the other Sunday and did a magnificent job. They are planning to sing this Christmas eve with the Chancel Choir in an evening of Choral music for Christmas.

Other activities that have strengthened Hillcrest Church have been, and we would have to put first, "Spiritual Emphasis Week". In the past two years we have had the privilege of having "great" men to lead us. We are still feeling and seeing the results of these two years. We are grateful to Rev. Floyd Ewalt and Dr. Joseph Laughlin.

Another activity that has been started, was started by our women, and is a prayer cell that meets once a month. Many of those who attend are finding the real relevance of prayer in their life.

Planning sessions for church leaders has been a great undergirding influence this year. The first year that it was held at Hillcrest. Those attending were deeply moved as they were confronted with the work unfinished and the work of the church yet to be begun.

Vacation Bible School, held this year at Hillcrest for the first time, proved to be a wonderful experience and a community outreach that helped our Sunday School and our church. Last year, due to lack of space here at Hillcrest, we joined with the Calvary Baptist Church here on the hill.

Mid Week Bible Study has now become a part of our church program. The response has been slow, but gradual.

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Communicants Classes are being held also for all adults as well as the young people. This confronts people with the challenge that there is more to church membership than just saying yes to a few questions.


I think that if Uncle Sam would scrap this rotation system for a while, that our little church here would show more marked progress. It does, though, really keep us here at Hillcrest on our toes. What we really need is the strength and the will to endure ~~such~~ such a restraint.

P.S. I have only one complaint. It has plagued Hillcrest for the past two years. Let me state it in form of a question.....
.....Does First Church have to draw so heavily from Government Hill that they have a "Circle" of their women's group meeting within the shadows of our church??????? I realize that there are those who would not be happy in a small community church, and are not happy unless they are hob-nobbing with the elite, but there are many so-called "common folks" who are attending First Church, that I think a word of encouragement from Frank Walkup to attend the church in their community might be in very good order.

Maybe someone at "156" knows the answer to this!

In closing may I say, we are indeed privileged to serve and minister to this passing parade of people. ~~For another year~~ For another year of service here, we say "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow", for giving us strength to minister and such a wonderful people to serve.

Most Sincerely.



Rev. Paul F. Evans
Service Pastor



1958 Narrative
Chapel By The Lake
Auke Bay, Alaska

November 5, 1958

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman,

This is the community, church and program as seen at the present time.

Auke Bay is still a small but growing community with no definite boundaries. The growth is nothing spectacular but it is continuous and there are signs that it is increasing. This year saw the sale of possibly 50 small tracts to people for use as homesites. On some of these there has been some construction already, on others there have been placed trailers and of course many of them are for pure speculation. There is much building activity on the Loop Road and there promises to be more out the Glacier Highway. Added to this are two small subdivisions near the airport with 3 homes at present and with a planned development of 15 homes each. There has also been the establishment of a small concrete block factory within the community and several contractors have surveyed the situation for possible building sites this coming summer working season. Added to this is the relocation of the Fritz Cove Road which will open more lots for small homesites.

At present there is a shortage of housing and especially rent facilities. The large Glacier Flats area has been taken by a contractor, representing supposedly a large firm, for the establishment of motel-hotel facilities though this is still months off. With the advent of Statehood the fisheries lab, though still planned, has not as yet become a reality, though there is some building to accomodate the planned personnel.

As to the question of Statehood there is still a great question as to what it will do to and for the community. There are several branches of the Federal Government which will not be affected and yet there are also others which will be affected for sure. Some of the people are transferring to the State offices while others will have to leave for Federal Service elsewhere. There is the realization that there will have to be more room for the State offices and for that reason both office accomodation and home space is being planned, with more of the homes planned for the area out our way. With the added growth there is talk of making Auke Bay a burrough or a township but other than the actual talking about it nothing is as yet planned. There is much talk about erecting tourist facilities but with very little capital in the community any investments will have to come from Stateside.

The Church program has been intended to meet the spiritual and social needs of the church family. It has been the intended purpose to provide an activity for spiritual growth and a social event for each age group. Our Westminster Fellowship has provided both for the young people. The Sr. Hi group is active and continued through the summer despite vacations and other conflicting activities. During the summer, in addition to the regular meetings which consist of devotional, business meeting and topic followed by a social hour, there was started a study group that covered, for the time that it existed, Christian ethics. This was desired during the fall and winter program but lack of time prevented its continuation. The Sr. Hi group has also maintained other activities operated in commission groups. Such was the publishing of a paper for the youth of the Presbytery "YAP", the sending of letters of greeting to all the visitors of the Chapel, highway cleaning project for the betterment of the community, as well

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as planning meetings and an occasional work party around the Chapel. There have of course been social activities. The Jr. Hi group was started during the fall season as that is when the group became of Jr. Hi age. At present it has not settled into a determined group and at present it includes the 6th grade in its activities. It has a potential of almost 20 but depends upon whims and time schedules at the present time. The Senior Choir consists mainly of Sr. Hi young people and the Jr. Choir. We are in definite need of a choir director as we lost ours due to moving of government offices.

All three groups of church officers are active and effecient in the running of the Chapel business. The Session was increased to six ruling elders and takes the leadership of the Chapel in hand. Trustees and Deacons are also active in their various duties. The Cottage Bible Study group remains active though it does not grow in numbers. Chapeladies continue to grow both spiritually and in numbers.

Scouts has a definite need of leadership and also needs a place for meeting as the basement of the manse is insufficient. So far it has the displayed the least association with the Overall Chapel program. Lunch-Pail fellowship, a meeting of the people who work and eat lunch in town has remained about the same in number but has increased in spirit. It is a round-table discussion group where everything and anything can be discussed, though it is usually busy discussing the Church. A Couples Club has been started that we hope will grow from its small start and there has also been a prayer group begun that is small but powerful. It is not bulletinized as those who are interested and know about it know they are welcome. Already results have been noticed because of its inception. Family night suppers, picnics and other Chapel activities have helped the famliness of the Chapel and the life of the Church has been effective in changing the lives of many of its members.

There is a definite need for more church-plant space. The Chapel has finally been finished and now we look to the possibility of a new building. Sunday School classes meet; three in the manse basement, one in the laundry room, one in the manse dining room and one in the livingroom. Two meet in the Chapel and one in the vestibule. Our attendance and enrollment are almost synonomous, and the general teaching would be improved with additional facilities. We also need a place for large church gatherings as well as a social-hall area. The community would likewise benefit as the only other building, the community building, is used by the builders, the Legion. There could be a great ministry in just community Church-sponosored recreation if the space were available as all school buses from town pass the Chapel. Looking toward the new building a savings account has been started along with a dollar a month club. The present savings amount to \$2700 with 144 members in the plans. It is felt that definite plans for the future will result in increased membership and giving for this special cause.

There has been physical growth and spiritual growth in the Chapel family and community. We now have the bone structure for more effective spiritual development. We're past the first step as we realize our need and daily Christ works in the hearts of the people and minister. Visitation and spiritual development are still necessary for the 'spreading' of the Gospel in the community. It is our earnest desire that God's Will be done in Auke Bay and through us.

Sincerely in His service,

Kenn Smith

Kenneth W. Smith
Minister, Chapel-by-the-Lake
Auke Bay, Alaska

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SOCIAL ASPECT.

The population of Craig has remained stable in the past year. It is still roughly 50% native and 50% white. The school registration has remained the same, around 70, including the High School.

In addition to Klawock, one of the most outstanding problems is law enforcement. We do have a U.S. Commissioner who can act only when complaints are filed. This limits law effectiveness. There is no local law enforcement, except on a social occasion. This year, the Territorial Police have been more effective during the summer than usual. Part of this is due to the fact that we didn't have as many boats in our area this year as last year, which diminished the problem considerably. But they were more active.

The attitude of the people is much better than that in Klawock, although there is some indifference. But it is not nearly as severe as Klawock.

ECONOMIC ASPECT.

Because we do not have as many people dependent on fishing in Craig as we do in Klawock, there is not as much of a problem here. We have more possibilities for employment in Craig, whereas there is none in Klawock. However, the very bad condition of many of the people has prompted the Craig City Council to send the mayor up to Juneau to plead for some sort of financial aid for these people. The aid that he seeks is not in the form of an outright dole, but to be administered by the city for work that is done on city projects. That way, the city would get some benefit out of it, and the people would feel better about it since they worked for it. In addition, there will be work made available when the floats are put in our dredged out Shelter Cove area. I don't know what the exact appropriation is.

In regard to new industry, our proposed sawmill has completely fizzled out. The Forest Service has expanded their operations, hiring some permanent men from town, and bringing in new rangers from the continental U.S. In addition, they are putting up new buildings, and planning to make Craig their headquarters for the West Coast of Prince of Wales. There are still possibilities of limestone on Wadleigh Island, and while some work has been done there, there is nothing promising enough to make us think that they will begin wholesale mining at this point.

The cannery in Craig, after most of it had burned down over a year ago, has reconstructed a good-sized warehouse. There are possible plans to build a one-line cannery on the site.

RELIGIOUS ASPECT

The Craig Church has become accustomed to the new yoked parish arrangement and have fully cooperated to make it a success.

Our membership roll has been considerably reduced in number since it has been our desire to limit it only to those who are active. Most areas of the Church are showing healthy signs of being strong in their ministry. Our Presbyterian Women's Organization is steadily gaining strength. Our Sunday School is strong and doing a good job. The Session and the Trustees are strong and taking on more responsibility than ever before. The COT program was a success, and we are hoping to do more

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with the every Labor Canvas. Our Vacation Bible School was a very great success, with the best response yet. I was also able to make trips to Waterfall Campery during the fishing season, and was very well received. I feel that my trips to Adia Bay have been successful, although they have not been as frequent as they should have been.

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YEARLY NARRATIVE OF THE NORTH ARCTIC SLOPE MISSION
BARROW, ANAKTUVUK PASS, KAKTOVIK, AND AKLAVIK, ALASKA

AND CANADA.
FOR 1958

Missionaries-Pastors-pilots:

The Rev. William C. Wartes, January to July
The Rev. John R. Chambers, August to December

PREFACE

This narrative is written by John R. Chambers after about three months on the field. The information for the first seven months of this narrative comes from the minutes of Session and the monthly activities calendar which are on file here.

BARROW, THE CHURCH AND THE VILLAGE

THE UTKEAGVIK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: During the year the church experienced growth in program, membership, and facilities.

Added to the program was a fellowship group for the older members of the congregation. This group has as its goal to "Dig For the Real Gold of Life" and calls itself the Fortyniners. The general age group in the group includes those from forty-one to fifty-eight. This was chosen because they felt that nine years on each side of forty-nine was a good guide. However, this limit is not binding and anyone over forty is welcome. The attendance has been between twelve and twenty-five at the by-weekly meetings. Every other Sunday afternoon members of this group visit shut-in people for singing and fellowship. The Geneva Fellowship visits them on the other Sundays.

The other fellowship groups continue their regular meetings: the Presbykids, the Polar / Bearers, the Westminster Fellowship, and the Geneva Fellowship. With the addition of George Johnson to the staff as seminary intern we have divided the group responsibility as follows: John and Barbara Chambers have the Presbykids, Samuel Simmonds the Polar / Bearers, George Johnson the Westminster Fellowship. Samuel also looks after the Geneva Fellowship and John Chambers the Fortyniners. In October adult advisors were selected for the three youth groups. Our object in this is to train them to take more and more of the responsibility for the group with help from the staff member in charge.

In order to coordinate the program and the maintenance work we started a weekly staff meeting in early August. This is held each Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. This has proved to be a real help to all of us in discussing the work and planning ahead.

There have been two minor changes in the Sunday schedule of services: the Inupiat service was moved to 10:00 A.M. from 10:15 and the second session of Sunday School was moved to 3:15 P.M. from 3:00. These changes have not changed the attendance but provide more time for Samuel's message and the teachers of the first session.

The Sunday School continues to work under the great handy-cap of too small facilities and oversize classes. Since arriving here we have cleaned up the middle room down stairs and the Griest Room for use. During the second session we have only two classes in the main auditorium and two in the Marsh-Spense Hall. But the first session is quite crowded. There are six tables in Marsh-Spense Hall for beginner boys and girls and three or four classes in the auditorium. The biggest problem will come during the coldest months when it is impossible to heat the Marsh-Spense Hall for anything but active games. We already have two classes each session in the Igloo and the Manse.

On the brighter side of the Sunday School is the teacher situation. We have begun monthly teacher training meetings and they are well attended. The discussion at these meetings has been very good. We are using the film strips called "Successful Teaching" which provide excellent background for the discussions. Also, we have changed the nature of the Saturday night teachers' meetings. These are to be a discussion of the lesson which the teachers have already studied rather than having someone teach them the lesson. Samuel reports that these meetings have been improved greatly by this change.

We have continued the Officer Training series this year. In the Spring they studied the first year series by meeting two evenings a month. I completed that series in August. We started the second year series the last Tuesday in September and will meet once a month until it is completed. Instead of having two separate meetings with Samuel conducting one and myself the other we have only one meeting. I conduct this in English with Samuel translating where necessary. I give an introduction which he summarizes and then ask the questions. The discussion is mostly in Inupiat with Samuel filling me in on what went on. These meetings have been well attended and very helpful to both the officers and myself.

Each board now has a monthly meeting. Until recently the Trustees and Deacons only met when called together by the moderator.

Music continues to be a vital part of the worship. There has been an adult choir, youth choir, and a men's group of singers. These groups worked up a Music Festival for the Seminar group which came in July. Since coming here I have been conducting the Adult Choir. One of the natives just returned to town in late October. He has had some experience in choir directing and the music committee has asked him to take it. George Johnson re-organized the Youth Choir in late October. The male quartet meets each Friday evening for practise and sings in the evening service at least once a month.

The Presbyterian Women's Association continues to move ahead. From June to September it had a weekly meeting for Bible study. Since October it has had a monthly association meeting and each of the four circles have met twice a month. Leadership of the monthly meetings is still a problem. The circles are appreciated very much and continue to be well attended and led by the ladies.

The Boy Scouts met regularly through June with limited leadership. The charter ran out then and none of the men in charge were around to renew it. They were out hunting or working. The Charter was finally renewed in November and five assistant scout masters lined up to help conduct the meetings. The troop is going strong again.

The All-Alaska Evangelistic Mission was a real blessing to the church here. The Rev. Charles Hoffmeister was the missionary. In all there were forty-seven who came forward during the week. Of these four were first time decisions for Christ and the rest were re-dedications. The week started slow and built up as it went on with 19 seekers Friday night and 15 Sunday evening. A thorough

follow-up program of visitation and communicants classes is under way.

At the time of our arrival Bill Wartes and his family were still here. We had four days together. This was a big help in my getting oriented to the plane and the work here, at Anaktuvuk, and Fairbanks. I flew with Bill to Fairbanks in the Arctic Messenger III to get acquainted with the territory.

Presbytery had the Rev. Roy Ahmaogak lead a service of Introduction for me at the Barrow Church. It was held on August 27. Chaplain Paul Maurer of the D E W Line, Samuel Simmonds, and an Elder from Wainwright also took part. It was a very thrilling and inspiring service. Among other things Chaplain Maurer in his charge to me reminded us that this was the first such service since Alaska had voted to become a State.

Membership has grown from about 565 to 630 this year.

THE VILLAGE OF BARROW: The Population of Barrow is about 1300 Eskimos and fifty whites. I am not in a position to know how many are not Christian except from Bill's report of last year which stated that about one hundred adults were not. These represent a challenge for evangelism. Also, there are many children which need to be reached for Christ.

The two biggest moral problems in the village are liquor and immorality. I am sorry to say that as near as I can find out the liquor gets into the village through the base personel. These civilian and military people can get as much as they want. I can't prove this but it is quite definite that they re-sell to local natives. Since late August there has been no commissioner here. This means that there is no one to hold hearings when the local police apprehend someone. The Territorial Policeman is leaving the village November sixth and no replacement will come in until after the first of the year. Little by way of law enforcement can be done until the town council appoints a constible. This may be done by November 15.

Many of those seeking help at the preaching mission were those desiring victory over the temptation to drink. The session recently discussed how we might help in keeping the temptation at a minimum in the village. The elders did not have a definite suggestion but are becoming concerned about doing something.

As is common many places liquor adds to the problem of immorality. There is quite a bit among the young girls and white fellows. Just before the U.S. Commissioner left in August one white service man was convicted for offering drink to minors, giving liquor in coffee, and immorality. He was only fined \$75 on each count.

THE BUILDING NEEDS IN BARROW: The need for more Sunday School space is quite evident from the Sunday School report above. Also, Bill in last year's report emphasized the need for staff housing.

The Trustees in their October meeting voted to recommend to the Board that it consider building new quarters for the staff as its next major project. This would make available for Sunday School use the Igloo and the Manse. This would then clear the way to take down Marsh-Spense Hall and replace it with other Sunday School and recreational facilities. This is a long-range projection of building needs.

My own proposal is this: With the prospect of three families on the staff (Samuel, a seminary intern, and the missionary in charge) there should be a three apartment building constructed. These should vary in size from two to four bed rooms. Since most of the natives with ability and willingness to work have jobs I do not feel that we can depend on volunteer labour for very much of this construction. Someone said that Bill and the ladies built the sanctuary. Either we should plan to hire the carpenters to do the work here or have the house built in sections in Seattle and assembled here. The former would provide some added employment which may or may not be needed at the time of construction. The latter could be done at the Lock-Wall Co. in Seattle. I will be receiving more information on the kinds of construction they do. After that I will send a more definite recommendation.

In the line of maintenance work many small jobs were completed. The linoleum for three rooms in the Igloo, the kitchen of the manse and the main sanctuary of the church was put down in September. New steps were built for each of the four doors of the church and a board walk on three sides of the new church. Work has continued on the Griest Memorial room which should be finished before Christmas. Also, in November the wall will be moved back four feet on the West side of the Prayer Room to make it large enough for teacher training meetings and the three boards.

In February Bill and the Westminster Fellowship began a Mural showing people of all races looking to Christ. This covers the entire back wall of the sanctuary. At the time Bill left it was almost complete. Samuel will complete it this winter.

THE ARCTIC MESSENGER III: The plane was flown about 175 hours in 1958. Along with the regular travel to mission stations Bill helped in three different searches. He gave me about two hours of folat instruction before starting our trip to Fairbanks August 29. After a little more instruction in Fairbanks I was given the CAA instructor's OK to solo the plane on floats. After three days of waiting in Fairbanks for the insurance companies to decide what to do they gave the Board temporary coverage for limited use of the plane. Two weeks after returning to Barrow the CAA Safety officer was in Barrow and passed me on the flight test on floats.

The insurance companies gave us full coverage in early September and the first weekend I spent in Barter Island. I also made two round trips to Waniwright and one to Meade River before freeze up to get acquainted with the area and provide transportation for Roy. The fifteenth of September Barbara and Sara Lynn went along to Fairbanks to have the floats removed. After installing the wheels we returned to Barrow. This return trip took five days because of bad weather. The last week of October one of the Wien pilots checked me out on skis and I made one more trip to Anaktuvuk Pass before tying the plane down for the winter.

KAKTOVIK, BARTER ISLAND

Bill made two trips to Barter Island and I made one this year. Herman Rexford, one of the elders there was the delegate from the church to the General Assemgly in Pittsburgh. Another Elder was elected and installed This year: Isaac Akootehook. Also, a deacon was elected and installed: Nora Ahgeak. The service for them was held April 27, 1958. I held a communion service for them on my visit in early September.

One of the greatest needs in Barter is more Bible teaching. The content of

the Sunday services is made up of hymn singing and Scripture translation. In an effort to provide a well rounded doctrinal study plan I have sent to Herman a copy of Teaching The Word Of Truth BY Dr. Donald G. Barnhouse. I recommended that he study one lesson from this book each Sunday Evening. This was begun in Early November.

While there in September Herman asked me if the money received in the offerings there could be kept for use on the present building. I brought his request to the session of the Barrow church which voted to ask the Board that fifty percent be kept in a building fund, twenty-five percent be spent on the present building and program, and twenty-five percent be sent to Barrow for Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. I suggested these percentages because I felt that this would do more than anything else to encourage tithing and Christian Stewardship. Since most of the men are working the twenty-five percent sent to Barrow would fast approach all they are sending now. At the time of writing I am waiting the decision of the Board on this proposal.

The services of the All-Alaska Evangelistic Mission were recorded and sent to Kaktovik. After they are finished with them they will be sent to Anaktuvuk Pass.

AKLAVIK, CANADA: No trips were made there this year.

Anaktuvuk PASS: Bill spent much time during the winter designing the Chapel In The Mountains. Just before breakup in late May and early June he spent several days there helping cut the necessary timbers and bring them the forty miles up the Johns River to the Village. On this same trip Samuel went along for a preaching mission. A number of members were added to the church and much progress was made in preparation for construction. In July when Bill and I were there the chapel was up with most of the roof on. When I was there on my way to Fairbanks the middle of September all the windows had glass in them, all the holes were stuffed with tundra, and they were ready to hook up the lights. Homer wrote Samuel later that the lights were installed and they began to use the chapel September 21st.

While in Fairbanks I ordered the lumber needed to go on the log stringers for the floor. This should have arrived just after freeze-up about the middle of October. I expect to go to Anaktuvuk November 3rd. to help lay the floor.

The chapel has been financed through a \$1000 gift of one of the members of the church in Barrow and a grant of \$1500 from the Board.

In October over a thousand land leases were sold to oil companies for development of the Umiat fields North of the Brooks Range. Samuel and I feel that next spring much time should be spent there preparing these people for the coming of many white men through the pass and the jobs the oil companies will provide. I trust he will be able to spend two weeks there soon after Easter.

MEADE RIVER COAL MINE: The latest word in Barrow is that the whole village will receive natural gas in 1959. It looks now as though almost no coal will be mined this year and none the following year. This means that there will be few if any people staying in Meade River. I visited there once in August and found three families there.

PERSONNEL IN BARROW; In late June Mr. George Johnson arrived in Barrow. He is taking a year off from San Francisco Theological Seminary to serve as an intern here. He has been a real asset to the staff both in program and maintenance work. He has ambition, initiative, and ability in both. He has charge of the Westminster Fellowship, teaches one class of Sunday School Teachers, and preaches about once a month at the morning service. His mornings are spent in preparation for these. His afternoons are spent in maintenance work. He built the steps and board walks mentioned above. In October following ice cutting he and Samuel moved the west wall of the Prayer Room back five and a half feet to make this large enough for teachers and joint board meetings. There is much work yet to be done on the three rooms down stairs. I trust these will be completed this winter.

Samuel Simmonds continues in his three-fold role of student, lay preacher and maintenance man. He now is spending at least two hours every morning in study. I will be asking Presbytery at the spring meeting to outline what material they want him to cover. This is the responsibility of the ministerial relations committee. I am not sure if this study is to prepare him for ordination eventually or if it is just to give him a broader background for his job as lay preacher.

In the program of the church he continues to conduct the Inupiat service each Sunday morning, leads the Polar / Bearers, advises the Geneva Fellowship, and teaches two groups of Sunday School Teachers each Saturday. We have arranged for him to visit the hospital early each week and I go later. He also accompanies me on many calls in the village. Often people come to him for council. He is fast becoming the real pastor of the people here which is as it should be.

Barbara and I have loved it here in Barrow from the first day, and Sara Lynn is the same happy, healthy little girl she was in New York. Barbara teaches a Sunday School Class, has the devotional for Presbykids each week, and has many opportunities to have the teenage girls into the home. I have the two messages each Sunday, conduct the board meetings, lead the officer training meetings, lead the recreation for Presbykids, and conduct the teachers' training meeting each month. This makes for a very busy but very happy life in the service of our Lord.

SUPPLEMENT ON THE ARCTIC MESSENGER III: The engine on the plane has a total of 536 hours on it. Usually between 500 and 700 an engine needs what we call a top overhaul. This involves pulling the head on each cylinder and replacing the rings. Also, between 500 and 1000 hours an engine usually needs a complete overhaul. The engine checked out very good in September but by next summer may need one of the above mentioned jobs done. Some companies buy new or rebuilt engines instead of overhauling them. As the time approaches for this major work I will give more study to ways of meeting this need and make specific recommendations.

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ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY PASTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN COLLEGE, ALASKA FOR THE YEAR 1958:

The year began with a Presbytery highschool conference in this Church. There were 56 young people here for three days. It was a great conference in every way and one which I believe the young people gained a great deal from. It was a great help to our few young people and to the woman member of this congregation who has taken a serious interest in the highschool young people. She has maintained a SS class of 6-8 all year which is an achievement in this area. Some of our young people are planning now for a winter retreat at Harding Lake during Christmas vacation.

Attendance in SS and at the Sunday AM worship services showed only a small gain over last year. While we transferred only 4 members yet 14 have left this area but not requested their church letter to be forwarded. Up until December we have added only 1 new member to our roll. Thus in actual membership we will show a loss this year. I do not know that there is any way of explaining this other than my being involved in church related activities and trips (including a 4 month furlough) which has reduced my calling on prospects.

I have been away from the Church more than is good this year. I was gone from January 18 to 29 as the Spiritual Emphasis Week speaker at SJJC. Half the week of February 17 I was in Anchorage at a Presbytery Council meeting and the other half was spent with a trip to Suntrana to introduce Joe Heckel. The week of March 10-16 spent on another trip to Suntrana for Heckel's installation and on the Alaska Association of Churches meeting in Fairbanks. The week of April 7-12 was taken with Presbytery meeting in Palmer. Add a four month furlough to this and it is easy to see why there are no new members. In addition to these absences time and energy is consumed in connection with the Hospitality House, Harding Lake Camp and the organization of the preaching point in the Badger Road - 6 Mile area.

Beginning with Christmas of 1957 and continuing until we left on furlough in May, the church music was on a new high level with a 15 member choir and a very capable director. Since May we have not been able to get any steam up for a choir though there are signs of improvement in late October.

In February and March we tried to organize a couple group of some kind but were unsuccessful.

In April I started a Bible Study class at the request of a couple of housewives upon whom I had called. We met once a week in one of the homes around the kitchen table. The class grew to 7-8 women and lasted until the middle of the summer. I plan to continue this afternoon Bible class this winter.

There was no student Christian group program on the University of Alaska campus during the spring semester of this year. Before I left on furlough in May a session committee was appointed to plan and arrange a student program for the fall. This with all kinds of people who appeared to help (direct answers to prayer) saw the formation of WUCYG (Northernmost University ~~Women's~~ Christian Youth Group). The students have genuinely taken hold and attendance at Sunday evening meetings held on campus has consistently been above 20.

Another step forward in this area has been the commencement of Sunday evening Church school and worship services at the 6 Mile Civil Defense Fire hall. Attendance has never been large (8-12 adults and 10-15 children) but it has started and the Word of God is being made known. Don Campbell, the College summer pastor from Canada, carried on with the meetings there while I was on furlough. In November we moved into the basement of a large new home. This will be the permanent place of the services until the group gets a building of its own. It will be far more comfortable than the firehall. This was a real victory in another sense for this will be the

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Church is the home of Steve and Doris Lonsky, both of whom were not yet confessing Christians.

Our monthly family night dinners in the College Church have continued through the spring and fall. They are the real hours of fellowship. Throughout the year the women of the Church have also maintained a coffee hour after Church the first Sunday of every month. This has been a real aid in making visitors feel at home.

The Cub Scout Pack 392 sponsored by the Church grew to a record size of 4 dens in the spring but like other activities in the church and community the pack disintegrated during the summer and was not revived until late in the winter.

During the year we have been constantly working on our education unit in order to obtain the maximum use from this building which continues to move and shift. The movement is now relatively small but more than is good for concrete and steel. We are planning to be able to use it another 5 years.

Economically this area fared very well in 1958. The spring forecast for construction was pessimistic but improved rapidly. However the firmness of the economic picture depended upon to whom you talked. The University of Alaska continues to grow with an enrollment of over 700 this fall. Two new dormitories are scheduled for completion before the end of the year. The University anticipates an enrollment of 1000 students by 1960.

There was not much residential building in the College area this summer although the city of Fairbanks enjoyed a record number of new house construction. The granting of statehood to Alaska, increasing interest in Alaska and the steadily growing University of Alaska makes a population surge in the College area only a matter of time. The Mission, trying to anticipate this growth, recommended that the UAF purchase additional adjoining property. The UAF considered and arrangements for purchase were made.

The third week in October the Fairbanks Church and the University Church joined in a Spiritual Emphasis Week as part of the 4th Alaska Evangelistic Mission. The two congregations met in the University Church for three nights and in the Fairbanks Church for three nights with a combined pot luck dinner in the middle of the week. The general consensus of opinion is that this was their best experience so far in the four year history of the Evangelistic Missions to Alaska.

In May of this year the Fairbanks School District terminated their rental of the church facilities for public school use. The reason being that a new 10 room grade school in the College area would be ready for use by the middle of the winter. With our buildings now free on week days we are in the midst of planning for a day nursery for which we believe there is a great need in this area.

While there have been advances in some areas the statistics will all show a decline in the life and activities of the University Church. While figures don't lie I hope they don't tell the whole story.

John C. Stokes

John C. Stokes, Missionary-Pastor.

From Horton to Caden

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ANNUAL REPORT

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CHURCH FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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SESSION REPORT 1958

The following members served on the Session during 1958.

<u>Class of 1959</u>	<u>Class of 1960</u>	<u>Class of 1961</u>
Kava Riley	Marion Horton	Hugh Longley
Paul Greimann	Howard Kuhns	Jay Bickel
Edgar Philleo	John Baker	John Baldwin
	Harold Peyton	Richard Cotter

Rev. Victor I. Alfson officiated as Moderator until his departure. Since that time Rev. John Stokes Rev. Victor Urban and Rev. Bryan Cleworth have acted at various times as Moderator.

Elders Peyton, Baker and Cotter resigned during the past year since all were moving from this community. At the end of the year there was one vacancy in the class of 1960.

In addition to two joint meetings with the Trustees, the Session met twelve times during the year. The Sacraments of Baptism and Communion were held quarterly.

In February Rev. Alfson participated in an educational and promotional trip through Northern California sponsored by the National Board of Missions.

Elder Cotter was elected delegate to represent this church at Yukon Presbytery held in Palmer, April 10-11-12.

Charles W. Muir, Sec. of Church Education, Wash. Synod requested Rev. Alfson to be Bible Study Leader at Yukon Presbytery to be held in Anchorage May 25 to 31. Rev. Alfson accepted this request.

Elder Baker was our delegate at Yukon Presbytery held at Tok Oct. 8.

On Sept. 7 Rev. Alfson called a special Session meeting to announce his acceptance of a call from the Union Church in Seoul, Korea. It was with deep regret the Session gave permission to Rev. Alfson to place his resignation before the congregation on Sept. 14.

SESSION, continued

At the same meeting machinery was set in motion to present a nine member pulpit committee for congregational approval. This committee to consist of two Elders, Two Deacons, two Trustees and three members from the congregation at large.

Oct. 19-26 was Spiritual Emphasis Week Our guest speaker was Rev. William Wiseman from White Plains, New York. His speaking was divided between the University Church and our own.

On Nov. 9 Dr. Robert Sandilands, medical missionary from the French Cameroons was guest speaker at the morning and Eskimo service. At the evening service he and his wife showed slides of Africa.

Until the arrival of Rev. Wilbur Dierking, our interim pastor, Rev. Victor Urban filled the pulpit at the morning service. Lay preacher, Marion Horton and Chaplains from Ladd AFB delivered the evening Bible Study with Rev. Joe Heckel taking charge of the Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

On Dec. 19 Rev. Wilbur Dierking arrived to be our interim pastor. For the past three years Rev. Dierking has been pastor at the Union Church of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Membership January 1, 1958 332

ADDITIONS

by letter from other churches 10

by C. of F. and Reaff. of faith 21

TOTAL 363

LOSSES

by dismissal to other churches 21

by death 2

TOTAL 23

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Membership as of December 31, 1958 340

John F. Baldwin, Clerk of Session

ESKIMO WORK

It is always nice to look back at the end of the year and see what has been accomplished. It has been a rewarding year with study attendance and fine cooperation of the people.

Our work has been a study week to week ministry with Sunday School, Worship Service and mid-week prayer meeting each week. As we get better acquainted with the Eskimo people we find that we are in a better position to cope with their problems. We really believe we have a better understanding and a more personal ministry now than we ever have had. There is still much to do so our prayer to the Lord is for direction and guidance that we may better serve those to whom we minister.

Again, the mountain top experience of the year was the presentation of "The Eskimo Christmas Pageant". The play was filmed for T.V. and we hope to have that film for our own when it has served its purpose to the T.V. stations. Our showing of the pageant was on December 21, 1958 in the place of evening service. The church was well filled and every one seemed to enjoy it very much.

We still have our fine staff of teachers, without which it would be impossible to have the type of ministry we now have. We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to each one for the fine job they have done throughout the year.

Teachers	Yearly attendance
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Turner	Worship Service 2008
Miss Ida Mae Merrill	Sunday School 1903
Miss Gladys Main	Prayer Meeting 531
Miss Lois Vaught	

"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:57

Respectfully submitted, Marion E. Horton

TRUSTEE'S REPORT, 1958

Members who served all or part of the year:

John Baldwin, Chairman	Silas Negovanna
Chester Foote, Chairman	Frank Grell
James Winfree, Treas.	George Gale
Howard Kuhns, Treas.	Elmer Stohl
Jay Bickel, Sec.	Ben Potter
Joseph Keeney	

Pastor Alfson attended most all of the meetings until time of leaving for Korea in October.

Twelve regular monthly meetings were held and one special meeting. Two of the meetings were held jointly with the Session.

Mrs. Taimi Lahti was employed in May as recording secretary to the pastor and church treasurer.

Major activities during the year were improvements to the interior of the sanctuary and erection of the church tower. Special thanks goes to Messrs Hysten and Philleo for giving of their time and of their talents for improvements in the sanctuary, also to Mr. Hardin who volunteered to have his men complete the erection of the steel work on the tower without any remuneration.

Special praise also is in order for Joseph Keeney and Elmer Stohl who did excellent work on various projects in the church.

Projects included such things as construction of closet for choir gowns, rebuilding of folding tables improvement to flower bed along Cushman Street and many other small chores performed by individuals & members of work parties. The Board of Trustees is grateful to all who assisted during 1958.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT, continued

Radio Programs, The Family Altar transmitted daily and News Through the Eyes of the Church, a weekly broadcast were continued throughout the year. The bulletin, Mid-Week Reminder was mailed regularly to the congregation.

Consideration was given to moving of the kitchen to the new basement and plans for construction of a new manse in 1959.

Although our Every Member Canvass program some how did not go exactly as scheduled and pledges to date are short of the budgeted figure, we anticipate that when all pledges are in we will not be too far short of our goal.

The Board of Trustees is grateful for the loyalty and cooperation of the congregation for the erection and maintenance of God's House, Seventh and Cushman Sts. in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Jay Bickel, secretary

CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Pledges & Loose off.	30084.96
Adjustment to include	
Obligated Funds	2519.49
Tfr. Bldg. Fund Int.	800.00
Adjustment Clearing, etc.	992.02
	<u>34396.47</u>

DISBURSMENTS

Ministerial	8415.97
Contract Labor	2885.00
Maintenance Supplies	562.96
Adv. & Promotional	1347.98
Office Supplies, etc	1654.74
Benevolences	5459.07
Utilities	5478.29
Interest & Payments	612.50
Insurance	441.98
Additional Impv.	1713.11
Clearing Account	3843.70
Other Gen. Exp.	1439.26
TOTAL	<u>33854.24</u>
Closing Balance 12/31/58	975.08

DEACONS

The eleven members of the Board of Deacons meet once a month. They plan for and prepare the elements for the Communion services, the loose offering of which is used in their work. Flowers are sent to the sick and calls are made throughout the year. The needy of the church are helped wherever possible.

The Deacons sponsor a reception during Holy Week for all new members who have joined the church during the past year as well as preparing the yearly lunch for the men who serve as church canvassers.

Christmas greetings are sent to former members of the church.

Respectfully submitted, D. Green, sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School this year had an average Sunday attendance of 218.5--our record high Sunday being Easter, when 297 were in attendance.

A new "Couples Class" was added to our school in Sept. Promotion Day was observed the last Sunday in Sept., while Rally Day was held on the first Sunday in Oct. Guest ministers and missionaries have brought messages to our school. A special Christmas program featuring our students from the Beginners through the 4th grade, was presented to an appreciative audience on the night of the 23rd.

Again this year a very profitable Vacation Bible School was conducted during the month of June. The Young Adult Class had retreats at Harding Lake over the 4th of July week-end, as well as the Labor Day week-end. Our Junior pupils attended a summer camp at Harding Lake, while Kings Lake was the conference grounds for our Junior and Senior Hi School Students.

Our school made a small donation towards the tile flooring in Fellowship Hall, which has changed considerably the appearance of our Primary Department meeting area. As well as providing Sunday School materials for the Eskimo Sunday School, the school also provided materials for the Sunday School in connection with the Six-Mile Church project. We are now contemplating the installation of curtains in Fellowship Hall which will enable us to separate the classed meeting there, with a view towards less confusion and better pupil concentration.

A very challenging Dedication Service for both the Staff and Teachers was held on World*Wide Communion Sunday. Continuing on with that challenge, we, through the power of the Holy Spirit and prompted by our love of Christ and our desire to see his Word spread, start a new year teaching Christ and Him crucified... the Saviour for all the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, continued

Officers

Superintendent - Elfrieda C. Franck
Treasurer - Mrs. Myrtle Philleo
Secretary - Mrs. Madeline Foote

Sunday School 1958 Financial Report

Balance from 1957 79.53

CASH RECEIPTS

Missions, Leprosy	86.77
Overseas relief	183.00
Special offering	289.23
I.V.B.S.	130.41
Class offering	1876.76

TOTAL 2383.17

GRAND TOTAL 2462.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Leprosy missions	100.00
Overseas relief	183.00
Periodicals	1058.52
D.V.B.S.	233.46
Other purposes	646.63
TOTAL	2221.61

Balance January 1, 1959 241.09

Presbyterian Sunday School
Myrtle Philleo, treasurer

THE CRADLE ROLL

Mrs. Joan Askelin has been the superintendent since August when she took charge after Mrs. Julie Grell left Fairbanks. Starting with an enrollment of 36 children she has built the Cradle Roll up until it now numbers 46.

Birthday cards were given to new babies as well as Christian literature to parents. The Cradle Roll News-letter was sent out every two months. Christmas cards were sent to all members.

The new goal set for 1959 is to enroll all native and Eskimo babies of the members of our church.

CHOIR

The choir has continued to provide special music for the regular church services, in spite of the many changes during the past year in members and leaders. Until April the choir was directed by Lynn Gilmore, during which time the choir presented an Easter program at which time they featured "The Seven Last Words". From the time of Lynn's discharge from the Army, until July when he left Alaska for Portland, Oregon, Richard Cotter again served as director for the choir.

The choir disbanded for the summer months, and in Sept. we started up with Jack O'Connor as our leader. However, his changing his residence meant a loss for us, but a gain for the University Church. Ben Kleinbach was the answer to our prayers after Jack left us, and under his able direction, with his daughter Mickey at the organ, the choir is continuing in its ministry of music. A Christmas program was presented on the morning of Christmas.

All who like to sing, are invited to join and to utilize the talent which God has given, to His Glory. Choir Director, Ben Kleinbach; President, Lyn Hylen; Sec-treas, Margie Hylen; Librarian, William Bell.

LADIES AID - 1958

The Ladies Aid meets the first and third Thurs. afternoons at 1:30.

The year 1958 saw the church basement beautifully tiled with funds raised by the Ladies Aid and with generous contributions of other groups and individuals within the church.

The Aid has for many years taken the major responsibility for the flowers and plants in the sanctuary and for the coffee and other supplies in the kitchen.

The Presbyterian Overseas Sewing Assignment was completed and contributions made toward other church benevolences. All ongoing financial obligations were met.

A new project was undertaken by the Aid this year in the form of a Fellowship Tea to which all Christian women were invited. There were eleven churches represented at the Tea and approximately one hundred women attended. This may become an annual affair to be held as close as possible to World Wide Communion Day. The purpose is to promote fellowship among Christian women.

Officers for the year were:

President	Mrs. Betty Winfree
Vice-president	Mrs. Wilma Gale
Secretary	Mrs. Margaret Shott
Treasurer	Mrs. Dorothy Wrede

The money for the work of the Aid is raised from the proceeds of two rummage sales a year, a plantsale preparing and serving dinners for the Men's Group and for other church organizations, catering at wedding receptions and the Bazaar held during the month of November.

LADIES AID, continued

All women of the church will find plenty to do within the fellowship of this friendly church group and a loving invitation is extended for them to come to the next meeting and get acquainted.

Margaret Shott, secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand January 1, 1958	807.71
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RECEIPTS

Offerings	70.15	
Dues	57.00	
Flower Fund	73.00	
From Services (Dinners, Receptions, etc.)	700.47	
From Sales (Bazaar, Rummage, Plant)	<u>2261.11</u>	<u>3161.73</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Outreach (Miss. offering, Presby. Family Altar, Upper Room and Today)	613.40	
Improvements (Church and Manse)	1660.07	
Flowers	177.70	
Operational Expenses (Adv., Supplies, etc.)	<u>621.81</u>	<u>3072.98</u>
		896.46

- Dorothy Wrede, treasurer

WESTMINSTER SOCIETY

The Westminster Society had a busy and fruitful year under Eleanor Perkins' leadership.

We arranged for attendants at the church nursery and shared the expense with the Sunday School Dept. Members were often volunteer attendants themselves.

Our group worked with the Mariners in June on a bake sale in order to buy a large mixer for the Hospitality House.

Besides local work our sewing assignment was sent off to Cely Hospital in the Phillipines.

The Yukon Presbyterial Giving for 1958 had been increased and we worked to fulfill our pledge. Money was raised by selling calenders, oven savers, and candy at the bazaar. A new source of income and service too is the serving of men's dinners six times a year.

Program Chairman, Carol Gray, provided for educational and entertaining meetings with movie films, reports and discussions by members.

Anyone interested in joining with us to learn more about God and help do his work is invited to attend meetings on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Logan, Sec.-treas.

WESTMINSTER SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand Jan.1, 1958 211.46

RECEIPTS	11.23	
Dues	18.00	
Men's dinners	145.49	
S.S. Nursery Share	94.50	
Magazine Subs.	12.00	
Oven Savers	98.00	
Bazaar & Calendars	91.08	
Misc.	1.50	
Collected for Alfens	<u>25.00</u>	<u>485.57</u>
		697.03

DISBURSEMENTS		
Nursery	189.00	
Nursery supplies	16.45	
Sewing Assignment	17.68	
Men's Dinners	48.71	
Yukon Presbyterial	89.50	
Magazine Subscription	17.85	
Oven Savers	53.00	
Calendars	18.00	
Gift to Hospitality House	16.00	
Gift to Alfson family	<u>25.00</u>	
TOTAL		491.19

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1959 205.84

MARINERS' CLUB, 1958

The Mariners' Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.. The Mariners' Club symbolizes the Bark of Matrimony. The Mariners represent a shipmate of the Good Ship Matrimony of the Sea of Life.. We recognize Jesus Christ as our Pilot and the Bible as our Compass to aid us in sailing a true course and a safe voyage without shipwrecks. We carry a cargo of Service to Church and Community. Our Decks afford opportunity for happy social contacts and Christian Fellowship.

The crew had a very enjoyable cruise during this past year with Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jenks as Skippers.

Mrs. Mable Rasmussen spoke to the crew about the Hospitality House and showed Slides. Mrs. Clarice Millam gave a report on "Presbyterian In Alaska". A panel discussion, "How To Live On A Shrinking Budget", led by Mrs. Liz Hamlin and Mr. Howard Kuhns was also enjoyed during the year.

The crew made a Jungle-Gym-Set and gave it to the Nursery Department. The crew helped at Harding Lake during the summer, also contributed two sheets of plywood for the floor at Billy Roberts Chapel at Harding Lake.

With most welcome help from the Westminster Group a large mixer was purchased for the Hospitality House. To raise funds for this project the Westminsters and Mariners had a cook food sale.

Other funds raised by the Mariners were provided by having a Box Supper and Waffle Supper.

The crew enjoyed a Progressive Dinner during the year, this cruise was a smooth and entertaining trip.

In December the Mariners sent toys to a native village to help brighten Christmas for the children.

Officers for 1959

Skippers - Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hamlin
First Mates- Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hoon
Log Keepers- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray
Pursers - Mr. and Mrs. Carl Showers

HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Dec. 1, 1957 thru Nov. 30, 1958

RECEIPTS

National Missions	5416.70	
Gifts (stateside)	875.00	
Gifts (local)	1906.70	
Rent	393.00	
Govt Agencies	8570.00	
Rd. & Lodging, employees	1500.00	13661.43
Palmer & Ham a/c 12/1/57		1615.06
Tfr from Bldg a/c 12/31/57		914.63
Redeposit of check drawn to close H.H. a/c and open Presby. Hospitality H. a/c		622.30
TOTAL		21814.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Food	5629.17	
Utilities	2073.20	
Oil	1382.55	
Transportation	465.10	
Repairs to equipment	234.75	
Laundry	262.16	
Office expense	254.08	
Taxes	283.79	
Wages	6472.50	
Janitorial supplies	78.50	
Insurance	111.29	
Household items	548.89	
Publicity	29.88	
Medical supplies	82.49	
Crafts Special Tr. Fgn.	201.95	
Check drawn to close Hospi. H. a/c to open Presby. Hospi. H. a/c		622.30
		1873.51
Balance -- Nov. 30, 1958		3080.91

Jay Bickel, treasurer

HOSPITALITY HOUSE

The Presbyterian Hospitality House has been in operation for 21 months, sponsored by the Session of First Church and the Board of National Missions, with an advisory Board composed of interested men and women from the church and community.

The purpose of H.H. is to provide Christian guidance and assistance to girls of working age.

On the staff are: Mrs. Rasmussen, Director, Mrs. Smith, Assistant, Miss Hornbeck, Program Director and Miss Letta, Secy; the latter two are part time workers at Hospitality House.

Assistance during this past year has been given to girls coming to town to find work, or to learn how to do housework that they may be self-supporting, and to these girls going to High School who for one reason or another were unable to attend the Boy't Boarding Schools (often due to lack of space in the schools). Several have had to spend a night or two while enroute to the hospital and have often been encouraged and cheered by the friendly, welcoming attitude of those girls who call H. H. their Home.

Much work has been done during this year on the grounds and building. A work party from California spent a month this summer helping to make rooms, level the grounds, put up fence around the back of the property and calk, sand and seal the logs. Recently Mr. Joseph Keeney and his helper Glen Crouch have been building an apartment and more rooms upstairs. The work is progressing nicely and when the painting is done we will be able to have the full use of the building.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE continued

Our sincere appreciation goes to all those who have been so faithful in their contributions, their work and prayers that this project could become established and continue in giving a much needed service.

The following will give some idea of work done:

Admissions - 342 - 110 of these were students going to and from school usually just for an over-night stay.

61 were placed in jobs..These are on live-in jobs.

3 girls are attending the Sheldon Jackson and one is at Edison Tech. in Seattle, Wash, learning Commercial Dressmaking.

Respectfully submitted,
Mable Rasmussen, Director

SCOUTING

Our church believes in the value of the Scouting movement, both for girls and boys.

At the present time, there are two Girl Scout Troops meeting in the church, including the troop sponsored by the Westminster Society.

The Explorer scouts (14-18) Post 733 under the able leadership of Dick Lowe and Malcolm Gibbins as assistant, have carried away top honors this year at Arctic Survival, Spring Camporee and First Aid-Or-EEE. At present the post consists of 16 members.

Cub pack 233 was under the leadership of Mr. Bill Green but at present is being led by William Trigg. The 5 dens of the pack enjoyed swim trips out to Eielson AFB, tours of Ladd AFB as guests of the base, and also helped a needy family at Christmas time. The pack consists of 34 boys.

Boy Scout Troop 533 has 32 scouts registered. They won first place in Arctic Survival, tied for first in the Scout Rally, received second place awards in the window display and won first place ribbons at the spring Camporee. The troop had 15 boys at Summer Camp.

The Scout committee consists of Paul Newcomer, Russell Putman, George Colette, Asher Richardson, and Austin Somaduroff who is presently Scout Master.

Last year's Scout Master was Amos Swarner and his assistant was Robert Brooks.

YOUTH GROUP

Our group welcomes all young people of high school age and older to its meetings every Sunday at 6:15. The first Sunday of the month is "SNACKTIME" when we meet to have a snack before our meeting proper.

Some of our fun facts include entering a team in the church softball league, roller skating, caroling, swim parties, weiner roasts and a basketball team. We especially remember our weiner roast at the College Church during Spiritual Emphasis Week.

We even worked! Projects included installation of a volleyball court at Hospitality House and also the building of some shelves and several other work parties at Harding Lake Camp. Of course, getting the Christmas tree with Mr. Jay Bickel and decorating it has been our "labor of love" for several years now.

We have been setting one offering a month aside for missions.

Our officers for the year were:

Pres.	Russ Trina and Dick Colburn
V. pres.	Mary Horton
Treas.	Iatsy Wrede
Secy.	Melba Philleo

Respectfully submitted,
Melba Philleo, secretary

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Young Adult Group of the First United Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks reports as follows for the year ending January 1959.

The Young Adult Group was organized for regular Sunday morning Bible discussion during the Sunday School hour and to provide social activities for the group.

Membership is limited as much as possible to Young Adult age, un-married, working, professional people, college students, and military personnel.

Organization of the group is kept as informal as possible, with everyone considered as a Committee of the Whole headed by our able advisor Mrs. Everett Hylen. The treasurer is Miss Carol Jean Horton. The past year it was decided advisable to add an additional officer to submit ideas as a Program Chairman, and Don Layburn was chosen to take over this office. Last but not least, our efficient and interesting Bible discussion leader Sunday morning is Miss Freda Kyro.

Social activities during the year have consisted of: Sunday morning breakfasts, a very successful and fun-filled retreat at Harding Lake Camp last summer, several ice-skating and sledding parties plus many other interesting activities.

6 Anyone who matches the above membership description and is interested in joining the group is cordially invited to contact any member or our advisor Mrs. Hylen.

Respectfully submitted
Cy Kiehl
Secretary (Protem)

MEN'S CLUB

The year 1958 marked the first full year for the newly organized Fairbanks Chapter of the IXOUS, Presbyterian Men's Club.

The program of the club was keyed to Christian service to the church by the men of the church. With the exception of the mid-summer months, regular dinner meetings were held the 3rd Tuesday of each month again served by Ladies Aid and Westminster groups.

Typical projects undertaken by the club included contributions toward the new floor in the Fellowship Hall and the church basketball team, assistance to the church Explorer Scout program and responsibility for the church ushering program.

Outgoing officers were Ben Potter, President; Everett Hylen, Vice-president; Cy Kiehl, Treasurer; Hugh Longley, Richard Cotter, Co-Chairmen of Program; Richard Scott, Secretary.

Officers for the coming year are Hugh Longley, President; Willis Greimann, Vice-president; Robert Crow, Sec-treas. and Lyle Hylen Program Chairman.

All men of the church are welcome in this organization and are invited to take an interest in its activities.

Respectfully submitted
Richard Scott

"Being confident of this very thing,
that He which hath begun a good work
in you will perform it until the day
of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:6

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ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

" A YEAR OF MOVING"

As I think back over the events of this year it seems that the most outstanding factor has been "moving." Even now as I write I am sitting in the midst of a most complete shambles caused by our move from the old manse into the new one.

Ever since Carolyn and I came to Gambell we have been moving back and forth between the old and the new buildings. It would always seem that something which one wanted in a hurry was back at the other place. Now that we are all under one roof (or nearly all) this type of aggravation will stop.

We enjoyed living in the Sheldon Jackson Museum here in Gambell as it was our first home. However, after only three days in the new house we are in love with it completely. One might say, "Love at first moving." The new house is much warmer than the old house for one thing. Perhaps the overall temperature is not too much warmer but the heat is more even without so many drafts as we experienced at the old place. It has seemed to take so long to get this far that I have done little else this past summer and fall but work on the house. This is still much to do but it will be easier now that we are up here. It has been almost two years since the church proper was put into use that we moved into the house part. The first service in the new church was held there on Thanksgiving day in 1956.

The old church property will not go to waste either. Already the Native Store is using our old quarters for the winter to store some of their supplies. Then next summer we are expecting the Shinens (Wycliffe Bible translators) to move in there. The old church will be used as usual for Scout and recreational activities.

One great help in getting ready to move this summer was the presence here of the first Work Camp ever to come to the Island. The Camp consisted of one girl, who worked like six. We had an altogether agreeable and happy time with Jeanne Aston, who is from our supporting church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jeanne taught and lead recreation in our Vacation Church School, taught a weekly class of teachers in Sunday school preparation, sang in the choir, painted the outside of the church, laid the tile on the church and Sunday school room floor, visited in the village, helped me with my correspondence, edited out first new letter, and was just such a wonder that we sure hated to see her go after six weeks. It seems that something of the Alaska spirit rubbed off on her because now she is planning to come back to Alaska to work for the Board of National Missions.

I have been moving more frequently between Gambell and Savoonga this summer and fall since the Mission in Savoonga is vacant. In these monthly trips I have come to know the Savoonga people much better than before and have enjoyed this closer contact. They are a fine group of people and are keeping things well under control as far as the church program goes. As it happens this year there are new teachers at the school and Mr. Hall is a Presbyterian Elder. This makes for a very workable relationship between church and school.

In Gambell, too, new teachers have moved in. Our teachers last year did not adjust at all well and left in February, leaving our school closed until this August when it was reopened with the coming of the Alexanders. These teachers are making a fine impression in the village. They have taught in Alaska for some thirteen years, and so know the ropes. The cooperation between the school and the church is splendid. The teachers have not missed a Sunday in church since they came to Gambell. Mrs. Alexander is our assistant pianist, too.

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This has been a year of moving for the village as a whole in two respects: new buildings and relocations.

1. Word final came this summer that the army had officially abandoned their camp here at Gambell. This was all the village was waiting for, so they tore into the place to salvage material and the old camp looks like a bomb had hit it. However, the buildings in Gambell have all sprouted new additions. There is not a house or family that has not done some building or renovating. Many have doubled the size of their living quarters, while others have built completely new houses. It is very good to see the kind of improved living conditions here. Because of all this building activity in the village, still going on, it was hard to obtain help in working on the church and manse.

2. Then there is the relocation factor. This spring in May the head of Relocation in Fairbanks came out for a visit to Gambell. This was the first anyone had come out here to see about this. Mr. Forshaug told me he had expected to have enough questionnaires for three villages but instead did not even have enough for Gambell because of the interest shown in relocation. From first reports it would have seemed that Gambell would be a ghost town inside of six months. However, as of this writing there have been three families and members of two others who have been relocated. One family went to Fairbanks, another to Oakland, California and the third family has just left for Chicago. This shows something of the diversity of the relocation program. However, interest in the village has slowed down and will probably remain static until reports start coming back from those who have gone on before. I do not foresee any mass exodus in the near future.

Beer is still moving into the village in an ever increasing rate from the old dump at the army base. One would have thought that being frozen one winter would have stopped it all, but from reports it would seem that it was kept in nice cold storage. There are reports of many fights and stealing has gone up greatly. The Village Council is almost in name only as they do not do anything. Consequently there is much talk against the Council, but no one does anything. I had heard that there was to have been a local referendum to decide the beer question. The attorney in Nome said that if the people voted to have the beer then nothing could be done about it, but if the village voted to go dry then some action could be taken to stop it. Nothing has come of all this. At our Session meeting this month the Elders decided to ask the Council if they ~~Elders~~ could be of any help in any way, so perhaps something can be done.

As I predicted in my report of last year, when I said that the departure of the army would effect the economy of the village in a years time, so it seems to be right now. Cash is getting very scarce and the Store has cut off all credit completely. One of the first things to be hit was the Village Fund fed by a 3% tax at the store. It seems that so many people borrowed and never repaid that the Fund is now bankrupt. It was from this Fund that many services were provided for the village including the Thanksgiving Feast. Therefore, the church has taken measures to help out in this situation. The lack of ready cash has started a flurry of carving. While I was over in Savoonga last month the store keeper told me that he thought that the carving was 50% better in quality than last year and it would seem that way from what I have seen. I expect that this economic depression will be seen in the church pledges for the coming year. The collections have been going down for some time. About the only ones giving their regular pledge are those on pensions and salaries.

One other move that is always irritating but which keeps coming up is the airlines schedule. One never knows hardly from one month to the next where it will be moved to. Just this week a new schedule came out that we were to have weekly service on Saturdays. Now here it is Friday and the plane is suppose to come in on the old time.

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In this year of moving I know that Carolyn and I have moved deeper and closer into the lives of these people whom we seek to serve. Often it seems like a very hesitant and jerky movement with many setbacks. And yet we feel that somehow some way through God's mercy and grace we are beginning to see something of our efforts. We trust that as we come to the close of another year and look forward to a new one that we will continue to move forward in the work that He has called us to do. May our poor, feeble efforts add some measure of honor and glory unto his name.

Sincerely in his service,


Arthur and Carolyn French

cc: Rev. Brian H. Cleworth

Haines Presbyterian Church

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NARRATIVE REPORT FOR 1958

Rev. Henry D. Hartmann

Summary:

In general, the situation in this field for 1958 was essentially unchanged from 1957. There has been no increase in area population or employment, or economic improvement. There have been no spectacular changes in church program or activity.

I) The area. The Chilkat valley area has settled down to a minimum economy again. There have been no major construction projects in the area during 1958, and none are foreseen for 1959. Employment at the various operations in the area remains static or has declined slightly. Population has not increased; possibly it has decreased to a slight extent. The only field that shows a slight upturn is the tourist business, which was larger than previously, attributable to the regular operation of the Chilkat ferry system, and the development of new tourist attractions in this region. Plans for mining and for hydroelectric power are still rumors only. Property values have dropped nearly 50% from the '54-'55 boom period.

II) Population: As noted above, population has possibly decreased very slightly. At the same time, school population has increased to 270, an increase of nearly 10% over 1957 enrollment. Most of the increase is in the High School departments, due to the moving up of a large age group from the grades. Otherwise the situation is the same as in the 1957 report.

III) Church Program: There has been a slight increase in the total membership, from 133 (Nov. 1957) to 140 (Nov. 1958). Of these, only 100 are resident. The high proportion of young people in the community is reflected in the church attendance figures, which have risen from an average of 140 (1957) to 160 (estimated 1958) per Sunday. Communion figures show an average of 87 communing at the stated services.

Sunday School slumped for the summer months, and is now returning to normal.

Recruiting of teachers has been a constant problem, and the organization of a Christian Education Committee became a necessity. The committee has functioned well, and is now preparing for 1) the visit of Mrs Swanson during January and February, and 2) entertainment of the Alaska Leadership Training School during the last week of May.

Young People's work has remained high. This fall, it was necessary to divide the group into two, a Junior Hi and a Senior Hi fellowship, retaining the single Westminster Fellowship organization for business meetings, but separating for program and fellowship. The Scout program was added to our activities this spring.

Church Officer Training is continuing with a good response. Two elders have been removed from active service this fall, Mrs Legare due to a plane accident, and Ross Hevel by death.

Adult work meets with a fair response. The Women's Association continues to function with two circles and a monthly association meeting. Men's work as an organized club or association met with a negative response, but a men's work committee has been formed to make use of the willingness of the men to put in time on physical projects. A second adult Sunday class has formed, meeting Sunday evenings, for teachers and others who cannot attend the morning class, but using the discussion materials in Crossroads instead of the curriculum lessons.

Benevolence giving had already passed the self-allocation goal of \$1500 in mid-October, and should total nearly 2000 by January 1.

Choir program was especially active this year. A touring chorus of 57 traveled to Juneau and Auke Bay in April, with Gaul's 'Holy City'. Christmas will see a local chorus presenting the "Messiah", and work will begin this fall on the 'German

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Requiem' of Brahms for presentation in the spring. From 90 to 100 adults and children are active in various parts of the choral program.

Extracurricular Activities of the pastor: The program at Rainbow Glacier Camp is well established, and from now on, it should be possible for me to remain in an advisory-supervisory capacity and not be involved in actual direction. I did direct one camp this year, in August. However, the administrative details of camp take time enough, and if I can be dissociated from the actual leadership, I can keep my parish together while camp is in session! The addition of two trips to Presbytery, plus General Assembly, and a week this fall at the Camp and Conference Leadership session make it difficult to justify a vacation as well!

IV THE PROPERTIES: The redcoration of the sanctuary of the church was completed this Spring, with painting of the walls, new carpeting for the aisle, and draperies at the windows. Now the rest of the building looks shabby. Renovation of the basement and moving of the kitchen should be a 1959 project.

The manse has been completely redecorated within, as walls and ceilings were repainted during our absence at camp. At last the upstairs bathroom has been finished, and the downstairs bathroom has undergone a complete refurbishing. The roofing materials are on hand, but a combination of weather and conflicting activities have so far not permitted the finishing of the job.

During 1958 the area to the west of the church was developed as a parking lot, and a new roadway built around it to prevent traffic too close to the church door. A new access road along the property line determined by the board several years ago brings cars into the back yard - and eliminates the back yard of the manse. Some day a car port or garage ought to be added.

V Prospects for 1959: Unless there are marked changes in the area, no major changes in the church program or planning are contemplated.

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Haines, the Sunshine City
of Tropical Alaska
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Dear Friends 'Outside':

It seems almost cruel to mention to you folks in the supporting churches and to our other friends outside Alaska, after the news reports from the States continue to tell of your winter weather, that so far the weather here has been mild, the snows light, the days relatively warm, with no particular unpleasantness or discomfort. Yesterday I was able to be out without a coat, and robins have been seen. Three weeks ago we had pussy-willows in the church floral decorations.

Since we last wrote about the work of the church here in Haines, several important events have taken place. Foremost in the news is the fact that a doctor is coming to practice in Haines- the first resident physician in our history. He is Dr. Philip Jones, at present in the armed forces in the interior, but planning on his discharge to set up 'shop' in the Health Center here. You can imagine (or can you) what this means to the community, which is preparing a big welcome mat for him!

Last month, the Church took on a new responsibility, the sponsorship of the Scouts, Post, Troop, and Pack 70 B.S.A. This is a 'going' troop family, formerly sponsored by the Lions Club, now disbanded. Since the troop was started many years ago by the Church, it is now just coming home. A large majority of the boys and of the leaders are Presbyterians, and hence we have a very natural interest. Our Billy is an enthusiastic Cub Scout. He has just completed his Bear badge with three arrow points and will be starting on his Lion badge next week after his birthday.

A third bit of news is the beginning of a Presbyterian Men's chapter here. We have not yet organized, only begun to organize to organize. You who have active chapters, would you send us your hints and suggestions for getting started? So far, the Session has approved the move, and a small committee has formed to plan an organization meeting.

Our women's groups are well established: like your own, they observed the World Day of Prayer last month. (Do you agree that this year's service was the best yet?) In the two circles, they are studying 'Meet Dr. Luke' and 'The World, the Work, and the Way' and taking an active part in the other national programs. One woman who recently came to Haines made this testimony in one of the group meetings: 'This has changed my whole conception of mission work. I thought mission churches just had their hands out to receive, but you are giving out more than you receive!'

We have just completed a census of the community, including the whole Chilkat Valley from Haines to 48-mile. Including Klukwan and our over-the-border neighbors, our 'community' has just over 1000 inhabitants, about 800 of which live in the immediate Haines-Port Chilkoot area. This has helped in planning for the community needs, especially in public health. It will also help the church to keep a check on how well we are meeting the challenge of the community's unchurched.

In the church, plans are under way for Holy Week and Easter, of course. For Palm Sunday, we'll have the choirs all singing, and palm branches for everyone. Communion Classes for young people and for adults are preparing for the reception of members at the Holy Thursday Communion service. On Good Friday we'll have the annual Union Service in our church- it's not our turn, but the Port Chilkoot Bible Church (Independent Fundamentalist) has no building of its own as yet, nor have the Baptists, while the Assembly of God was host last year.

On Easter, we plan the three morning services again this year, starting with a Sunrise service, and Easter Breakfast served by the Women's Association, and the identical services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. I'll have an Easter service in the afternoon at the 48-Mile, and the choir will repeat last year's Cantata by Ruth in the evening.

On the personal side, our family's size is the same as it was last time we wrote, but there has been one change in 'personnel'. Nellie's foster parents returned, and she is back with them. In here place, we are now caring for Danny's sister Diane, a cute little 4-year old with straight black hair and bright eyes. (The two brothers are at Haines House, since they are of school age.) We hear good news of both the parents: father Dan's response to treatment has been good and after further training he should be able to become an active wage-earner again. Mother Cecelia will be kept in the San for a few months observation, but if she continues to improve, she could be released by summer. If she is as faithful about taking her medicine as Diane, she should do all right!

Carol rejoices in a late Christmas present made for her by one of the women: what she calls her 'Ballerina Suit', a cute little ballerina costume which she wears whenever she can get away with it! Though there is no dancing instruction here for ballet, that has been her dream for some time.

Billy has not slackened in his devotion to his hobby of HO gauge trains. Every cent of his allowance except his 'Sunday School money' has been paid in toward cars and track on Ray Gelotte's layaway plan, and he has developed a phenomenal ability to find ways of earning a few cents here and there.

Ruth's favorite hobby is just 'getting away from it all' for a day a week at the cabin. She'd move out there permanently if we didn't restrain her.

This might be the place to mention how grateful we and all the missionary folk in Alaska are to the churches of our denomination across the country whose wonderful response to the Benevolence program of the church has meant very tangible advances in mission salaries. For the first time, it should no longer be necessary for the Alaskan missionaries or their wives to supplement their salaries by working at other part-time jobs, as almost all of us have had to do in the past. 'Missions' is not a budget, it is really people trying to do a job for Christ and the Church. No one complained when salaries were low- but it is wonderful to know that our job has the substantial backing of your stewardship!

Yours in Christ

Frank

Henry D Hartmann, with Ruth,
Billy, Carol, Diane and Danny

P.S. We are quite proud of the new mailing permit, which we use for the local calendar mailings and for this station letter outside. It is the first in the history of the local post office. It represents a considerable saving in time and money for us, though it may bring these letters to you a bit later than was the case when we licked stamps. Of course, whenever we write a personal note, we will continue as in the past to send it by air mail, which is the fastest and most satisfactory way for us to answer your letters. hdh